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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Pierre DUHOT et al.

Appln. No.: 09/542,546

Filed : April 3, 2000

For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING

BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: B. McElwain

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Preliminary Amendment, Submission of Substitute Specification, and Reply to the Requirement for Restriction

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in reply to the Request for Substitute Specification and Requirement for Restriction mailed September 17, 2001.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Please extend the time period for responding to the Request for Substitute Specification and Requirement for Restriction mailed September 17, 2001, by two months, to December 17, 2001. A check for \$400.00 is enclosed. Should no remittance be attached, or should a greater or

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